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## Forsyth Student Scholars Summer Internship Program

**The Forsyth Institute Student Scholars Summer Internship Program exposes high school students to the exciting and rewarding world of scientific research.**

Created in 1993, the program allows students to work side-by-side in the laboratory with world-renowned scientists engaged in cutting-edge research. The goals are to teach students what scientific research involves, and to allow students to perform hands-on experiments and contribute to real research projects.

The program includes an eight-week internship for exceptional Massachusetts high school students from underrepresented backgrounds, identifying as economically disadvantaged, or attending school in underserved communities. Approximately 10 interns are selected each summer out of more than 200 highly competitive applications.



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Participating interns are paired with a Forsyth faculty member and learn basic laboratory techniques by participating in mentors' research projects in a productive and enriching scientific environment. Throughout the summer, students develop and lead their own research project based on the expertise of the lab in which they work. At the end of the program, students present their findings.

For these young interns, the Forsyth Student Scholars program is often their first "real job" and may be their first step toward a future career in the sciences.

Our interns have achieved regional and national recognition for projects, been named co-authors on papers in prestigious journals, and have presented at international conferences.

### Highlights of the Program:

- Paid internships funded by sponsoring organizations and private donors
- Mentorship by world-renowned scientists on the Forsyth faculty
- Weekly presentations to fellow students and mentors in the program
- Weekly college-level lectures by Forsyth scientists in expertise areas, including oral health research, immunology, and microbiology
- Final scientific poster presentation to the Forsyth and Cambridge/Boston scientific communities

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